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SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT FOR WHOOPING COUGH BACILLUS

1. AN ARGENTINE COMMERCIAL VACCINE MANUFACTURER, INSTITUTO BIOLOGICA ARGENTINO, HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE IN SECURING WHOOPING COUGH BACILLUS (BORDETELLA PERTUSIS) AND APPROPRIATE CULTURE MEDIA REQUIRED FOR PRODUCTION OF WHOOPING COUGH VACCINE. FIRM HAS GOVERNMENT ORDER FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF 500,000 DOSES OF VACCINE, WHICH IT UNABLE TO PRODUCE DUE TO UNEXPLAINED DEACTIVATION OF EXISTING STOCK. EFFORTS TO REESTABLISH CULTURE WITH LOCALLY AVAILABLE STRAINS AND MEDIA HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

2. ACCORDING TO FIRM, SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ARE: A) STOCK OF BACILLUS BORDETELLA PERTUSSIS FOR REESTABLISHING CULTURE; B) QUANTITATIVE FORMULA FOR PREPARATION OF CONSERVATION AND MAINTENANCE MEDIUM; C) QUANTITATIVE FORMULA AND OPERATING CONDITIONS FOR PRODUCTION MEDIUM, EITHER SURFACE OR IN DEPTH.

3. FIRM BELIEVES BACTERIAL STOCK AND INFORMATION DESIRED MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM NIH , BUT WILL WELCOME EITHER GOVERNMENTAL OR COMMERCIAL SOURCE. ADVISE.

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